



**Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
July 30, 2021**



Calendar for Next Week

Summer Break – Three Weeks Remaining

Monday, August 2	Summer Break – No Classes
8:00 a.m.	LMHS Open for Students to Walk Building and Find Classrooms (until 3:00 p.m.)
	Choral All-State Music Camp @ Cedar Rapids (Mt. Mercy University)
1:00 p.m.	In-Step Show Choir Camp (Colton Center and LM Auditorium)
1:30 p.m.	9 th -12 th Volleyball Camp (LM Main Gym)
4:00 p.m.	9 th -10 th Football Camp (LM Stadium)
Tuesday, August 3	Summer Break – No Classes
8:00 a.m.	LMHS Open for Students to Walk Building and Find Classrooms (until 3:00 p.m.)
	Choral All-State Music Camp @ Cedar Rapids (Mt. Mercy University)
1:00 p.m.	In-Step Show Choir Camp (Colton Center and LM Auditorium)
1:30 p.m.	9 th -12 th Volleyball Camp (LM Main Gym)
4:00 p.m.	9 th -10 th Football Camp (LM Stadium)
5:00 p.m.	Girls Tennis Camp (LRC Courts)
Wednesday, August 4	Summer Break – No Classes
8:00 a.m.	LMHS Open for Students to Walk Building and Find Classrooms (until 3:00 p.m.)
	Choral All-State Music Camp @ Cedar Rapids (Mt. Mercy University)
All Day	11 th -12 th Football Camp @ Johnston (Camp Dodge)
1:00 p.m.	In-Step Show Choir Camp (Colton Center and LM Auditorium)
1:30 p.m.	9 th -12 th Volleyball Camp (LM Main Gym)
4:00 p.m.	9 th -10 th Football Camp (LM Stadium)
6:30 p.m.	Boys Tennis Camp (LRC Courts)
Thursday, August 5	Summer Break – No Classes
8:00 a.m.	LMHS Open for Students to Walk Building and Find Classrooms (until 3:00 p.m.)
All Day	11 th -12 th Football Camp @ Johnston (Camp Dodge)
1:00 p.m.	In-Step Show Choir Camp (Colton Center and LM Auditorium)
1:30 p.m.	9 th -12 th Volleyball Camp (LM Main Gym)
4:00 p.m.	9 th -10 th Football Camp (LM Stadium)
Friday, August 6	Summer Break – No Classes
8:00 a.m.	LMHS Open for Students to Walk Building and Find Classrooms (until 3:00 p.m.)
All Day	11 th -12 th Football Camp @ Johnston (Camp Dodge)
5:30 p.m.	10 th Street Edition Show Choir Camp (Colton Center and LM Auditorium)
Saturday, August 7	
10:00 a.m.	10 th Street Edition Show Choir Camp (Colton Center and LM Auditorium)

Future:

- 8/10 School Counselor Appointments begin
- 8/16 Online-Only Student-Parent Orientation (7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
- 8/17 9th Grade Parent Orientation (7:00 – 8:00 p.m., LM Auditorium)
- 8/19 9th-12th Grades Student Pictures (11:30 – 7:30 p.m., LM Auditorium)
- 10th-12th Grades School-Issued Computer Checkout (11:30-7:30 p.m., Food Court)
- 8/20 9th-12th Grades Student Pictures (8:00 – 4:00 p.m., LM Auditorium)
- 10th-12th Grades School-Issued Computer Checkout (8:00-4:00 p.m., Food Court)
- 8/23 9th Grade-Only 1st Day of School
- 8/24 1st Day of 1st Quarter-1st Semester for all LMHS Grade-Levels
- 9/2 Academic Assemblies (9:30 a.m. 12th Grade; 11:00 a.m. 11th Grade; 1:30 p.m. 10th Grade; LM Auditorium)
- 9/17 Homecoming Friday Pep Assembly Schedule

School Year Communication

Our primary mode of communication with students and parents for this school year will be via email. The *LMHS Updates and Announcements for Students and Parents* will be sent each Friday beginning July 30 (Today) and posted on the Linn-Mar High School Webpage. Any parent who is not receiving the *LMHS Updates and Announcements for Students and Parents* sent on Fridays during the school year, please contact the LMHS Main Office (447-3040) so that we can ensure you receive these emails. We will work to balance the length of the *Updates* and the frequency of emails sent to parents from the high school during the school year. Some information in the *Updates* may remain for multiple weeks with **all new updates and announcements within an issue (after this current edition) highlighted in yellow.**

Students will be sent emails through their school email account only. **Students, please be sure to check your student email account frequently during each week** as emails are sent with information from different school sources throughout the year.

If there is an immediate need or emergency information to provide, then text and email messages will be sent as quickly as possible. Please make sure your contact information in Power School is correct so that you will receive any such messages. Contact information changes made by parents/guardians in Power School are updated as soon as possible.

LMHS will also be posting announcements and information on the LMHS Twitter (@LinnMarHSIowa) and Linn-Mar High School Facebook accounts as well as the LMHS webpage <https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/school/linn-mar/>.

Prior to School Year Planning

Finding Classrooms/Locations in LMHS Prior to the Start of School

Starting **Monday, August 2**, LMHS students will be able to access the building from **9:00-3:00 p.m.** each weekday prior to the school year to find classrooms and other locations throughout the building.

School-Issued Computer Checkout for Grades 10, 11, and 12

Current **10th, 11th and 12th Grade** students will checkout school-issued computers and charger cords in the Food Court on **Thursday, August 19 (11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.)** or **Friday, August 20 (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)**. 10th-12th Grade not able to check out school-issued computers on these dates may do so in the LMHS Library starting on August 24. **9th Grade students** will get their school-issued computers and charger cords on **9th Grade-Only 1st Day of School, Monday, August 23**.

School ID/School Pictures

Current **9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade** students will get pictures taken in the LM Auditorium on **Thursday, August 19 (11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.)** or **Friday, August 20 (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)**. This year, **students will receive their picture-ID card when their school picture is taken. 12th Grade will only receive the picture-ID card unless they also request to order pictures.**

The link for the school pictures order form is: [Lifetouch School Picture Order Form](#)

Grade-Level Office and School Counselor Reorganization

As stated last spring, **School Counselors will now be 9-12**, meaning a student will stay with the same counselor throughout all four years of high school. **School Counselors are now housed in the School Counseling Office (South).**

The School Counselor assignments for 2021-22 are:

David Kennedy (A-Ci)
Greg Hall (Cl-G)
Jennifer Thurston (H-Kr)
Kierstyn Witt (Ku-N)
Kim Bowen (O-Sp)
Elizabeth Kreher (St-Z)

College and Career Transition Counselor Position Begins in 2021-22

Our school counseling office has also joined a partnership with Kirkwood Community College for a College and Career Transition Counselor. **Sheryl Cline** is the new **College and Career Transition Counselor**, and she will be located in the College and Career Center (adjacent to the South Commons). This new position will provide school-wide initiatives to help students and parents with postsecondary planning including assistance with college and career exploration, college applications, FAFSA completion, and connecting students to employment and apprenticeship opportunities. The focus for this new position will be to assist individual students from underserved populations, while also supplementing the opportunities for all students and families to participate in the college/career activities provided by our school counselors.

Student Schedule Changes

School Counselors will be available for appointments beginning on Tuesday, August 10. Students wishing to meet with their school counselor may contact their school counselor directly or the School Counseling Office (447-3070, 447-3043).

Campus Release for the 2021-2022 School Year Returns to 'Earned' Status

Campus Release (formerly known as 'Time Release') will return to 'earned' status for grades 10th-12th. Campus Release will not be available for 9th Grade students. An 'earned' status means that Campus Release can be taken away for disciplinary, attendance, and academic reasons. Parent permission must also be granted for a 10th-12th Grades student to have Campus Release. 9th Grade students will not have Campus Release for the 2021-2022 school year. However, 9th Grade students without RTI needs will be able to leave at 3:38 p.m. each Monday and Friday with signed parent permission. *See specific grade-level sections in the Updates for a copy of the campus release permission form.*

Student Parking for the 2021-2022 School Year

We are returning to more restrictive parking for the 2021-2022 school year. Only vehicles with the proper LMHS parking tag will be permitted in the designated on-campus parking lots from 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m. **Any 12th and 11th Grade student who registers a vehicle will be eligible for a parking permit on campus. Parking Tags will again cost \$25.00 for the school year.** 10th Grade students will have a limited number of parking spaces in the Stadium East/Aquatic Center Lot area. **A parking lottery will be held for 10th Grade students eligible to park on campus on August 17. 9th Grade students will not be issued parking tags for campus and will need to park on off campus streets.** Parking Tags will be issued to 12th and 11th Grade students starting Monday, August 9, in the Deans Office (formerly the 9th-10th Grades Office). 10th Grade students may sign up for the parking tag lottery from Monday, August 9, through Friday, August 13, in the Deans Office. *See specific grade-level section in the Updates for copies of parking forms.*

Online-Only Student and Parent Orientation

An Orientation for Online-Only Students and Parents will be held on **Monday, August 16, from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the LMHS Presentation-Lecture Hall.** This meeting is for those students who have already registered by June 1 and been approved for online-only schooling for this upcoming school year. **Students will receive their school-issued computer at this meeting.**

1st Quarter

2021-2022 LMHS DAILY SCHEDULE LINK

[2021-2022 LMHS Daily Schedule](#)

Academic Dates and Deadlines

August 23	9 th Grade 1 st Day (8:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
August 24	1 st Day of 1 st Quarter/1 st Semester for 9 th -12 th
August 26	Deadline to ADD Classes for 1 st Quarter
August 28	SAT
August 30	Deadline to ADD Classes for 1 st Semester
September 2	Academic Awards Assemblies for 2020-21 (12 th -9:30 a.m.; 11 th -11:00 a.m.; 10 th -1:30 p.m.)
September 11	ACT
September 17	Deadline to DROP Classes for 1 st Quarter
September 23	LMHS Parent Conferences (4:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
September 29	Deadline to DECLARE CREDIT/FAIL for 1 st Quarter Classes
October 2	SAT
October 13	PSAT
October 15	Deadline to DROP Classes for 1 st Semester
October 22	Last Day of 1 st Quarter
October 23	ACT

Homecoming Friday Schedule for September 17:

[2021-2022 LMHS Alternative Daily Schedules](#)

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2022

Current 12th Grade Meningococcal Vaccination Requirement Prior to August 24, 2021:

Current LMHS 12th Grade students are required to receive the Meningococcal Vaccination prior to the start of the 2021-22 School year. The following link includes the letter outlining this requirement:

[LMHS Class of 2022 Meningococcal Vaccination Requirement](#)

12th and 11th Grade On-Campus Parking Information Forms and Map:

[Campus Parking Map](#)

[Campus Parking Information](#)

[12th and 11th Grade Student Parking Tag Form](#)

12th, 11th, and 10th Grade Campus Release Permission Form:

[Campus Release Permission Form](#)

12th Grade Academic Assembly

12th Grade students who earned an Academic Letter for the 2020-21 will be recognized at the 12th Grade Academic Assembly on **Thursday, September 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the LM Auditorium**. Parents/guests of honorees are welcome to attend the short ceremony by entering at door #1 or door #3 after 9:00 a.m. Parents/guests are encouraged to park at New Life Community Church (275 29th Street) and ride the shuttle to and from school beginning at 9:00 a.m. Parking on campus is extremely limited.

12th Grade Student Advisory Council Applications

Any 12th Grade student interested in 12th Grade Student Advisory Council can use this link for an application. 12th Grade Student Advisory Council meetings are held from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. in the Presentation-Lecture Hall on September 21, January 18, and April 12. Turn in completed applications to Main Office by September 16. [12th Grade Student Advisory Application Form](#)

11th Grade

12th and 11th Grade On-Campus Parking Information Forms and Map:

[Campus Parking Map](#) [Campus Parking Information](#) [12th and 11th Grade Student Parking Tag Form](#)

12th, 11th, and 10th Grade Campus Release Permission Form:

[Campus Release Permission Form](#)

11th Grade Academic Assembly

11th Grade students who earned an Academic Letter for the 2020-21 will be recognized at the 11th Grade Academic Assembly on **Thursday, September 2, at 11:00 a.m. in the LM Auditorium**. Parents/guests of honorees are welcome to attend the short ceremony by entering at door #1 or door #3 after 10:30 a.m. Parents/guests are encouraged to park at New Life Community Church (275 29th Street) and ride the shuttle to and from school beginning at 10:30 a.m. Parking on campus is extremely limited.

11th Grade Student Advisory Council Applications

Any 9th Grade student interested in 11th Grade Student Advisory Council can use this link for an application. 11th Grade Student Advisory Council meetings are held from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. in the Presentation-Lecture Hall on September 23, January 20, and April 14. Turn in completed applications to Main Office by September 16. [11th Grade Student Advisory Application Form](#)

10th Grade

10th Grade Parking Tag Lottery Form, On-Campus Parking Information Form and Map:

[Campus Parking Map](#) [Campus Parking Information](#) [10th Grade Student Parking Tag Lottery Form](#)

12th, 11th, and 10th Grade Campus Release Permission Form:

[Campus Release Permission Form](#)

10th Grade Academic Assembly

10th Grade students who earned an Academic Letter for the 2020-21 will be recognized at the 10th Grade Academic Assembly on **Thursday, September 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the LM Auditorium**. Parents/guests of honorees are welcome to attend the short ceremony by entering at door #1 or door #3 after 1:00 p.m. Parents/guests are encouraged to park at New Life Community Church (275 29th Street) and ride the shuttle to and from school beginning at 1:00 p.m. Parking on campus is extremely limited.

10th Grade Student Advisory Council Applications

Any 10th Grade student interested in 10th Grade Student Advisory Council can use this link for an application. 10th Grade Student Advisory Council meetings are held from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. in the Presentation-Lecture Hall on September 28, February 1, and April 19. Turn in completed applications to Main Office by September 16. [10th Grade Student Advisory Application Form](#)

9th Grade

9th Grade Parent-Only Orientation on Tuesday, August 17

A 9th Grade Parent-Only Orientation will be held on **Tuesday, August 17, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** The Orientation will start in the LM Auditorium. Short tours of the building will also take place from 8:00-8:30 p.m.

9th Grade-Only 1st Day on Monday, August 23

The 1st day of high school for all LMHS 9th Grade students is **Monday, August 23, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** For this school day, 9th Grade students driving to school may park on campus.

9th Grade Connection for 2021-2022

We continue to build off our 9th Grade-Only 1st Day concept, which is aimed at helping students prepare for the first days of high school with all grade-levels. This year, we are adding an initiative with a year-long focus to support 9th Grade students making and maintaining a successful adjustment to high school. Our daily 9th Grade Connection will involve every LMHS teacher and 9th Grade student with the focus of having a specific teacher who gets to know the student, can help answer questions regarding school-related information, can monitor academic progress daily, can provide executive functioning (organization, planning, prioritizing) support, and will also provide focused study time. Each teacher will be assigned 4-6 9th Grade students who will meet each day opposite lunch each day and also during RTI time on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday if a student is not working with another teacher during RTI.

9th Grade Student Advisory Council Applications

Any 9th Grade student interested in 9th Grade Student Advisory Council can use this link for an application. 9th Grade Student Advisory Council meetings are held from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. in the Presentation-Lecture Hall on September 30, February 3 and April 21. Turn in completed applications to Main Office by September 16. [9th Grade Student Advisory Application Form](#)

Student Activities

A. Athletics:

Fall sports practices begin on August 9th. Athletes planning to participate in fall sports are reminded to register online at <https://linnmar-ar.schooltoday.com/> before the first day of practice.

B. Fine Arts:

Show Choir camps begin next week for In-Step and 10th Street Edition (see weekly schedule above).

Marching Band will begin camp the week of August 9 with specific sectionals meeting earlier in the week and the entire Marching Lions meeting at the end of the week.

For information regarding Choral All-State Camp at Mt. Mercy University next week, please go to:

<https://www.mtmercy.edu/news-events/events/2020/08/all-state-choral-workshop>

C. Clubs/Organizations:

Student Council – LMHS Homecoming '21 will be held the week of September 13. Official Homecoming and Varsity Athletic Home Events for the week include:

Tuesday, September 14:	10th/JV/V Volleyball vs. CR Prairie (5:30 p.m., LM Main Gym)
Wednesday, September 15:	LM Homecoming Parade (5:00 p.m.) Powder Puff Game (6:00 p.m., LM Stadium)
Thursday, September 16:	JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving vs. multiple schools (6:00 p.m., LM Aquatic Center)
Friday, September 17:	Pep Rally (3:40 p.m., LM Main Gym) 10th/V Football vs. CR Washington (5:00 p.m., LM Stadium) including performances by the LM Marching Lions and LM JV and Varsity Poms
Saturday, September 18:	V Girls Diving LM Invite (10:00 a.m., LM Aquatic Center) Homecoming Dance (8:00-10:30 p.m., LM Main Gym)

Other Information

LMHS Parent Advisory

[2021-22 LMHS Parent Advisory Council Application Form](#)

Each year LMHS has a Parent Advisory Council that meets once each semester with Jeff Gustason, Principal, to receive information on LMHS initiatives, building procedures and the current school year, and to provide opportunity for parent input and feedback on these and any other areas related to LMHS. The purpose is to provide a formal and constructive parent link for decision-making at LMHS. The link for applications to participate in Parent Advisory Council is above and due by October 1. Meeting dates for 2021-22 are Monday, November 1, 2021, and Monday, February 28, 2022. Meetings are held in the Presentation-Lecture Hall from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Round-A-Bouts Remain for 2021-2022

The three hallway intersection round-a-bouts will remain in place for the 2021-2022 school year. These were put in place last year to help with traffic flow from Door #4 through the Four Corners to the top of the Door #13 stairway. Students are asked to always stay to the right side of the round-a-bout and move counter-clockwise when turning. The one-way stairways used last year are no longer in place.

The next *LMHS Updates and Announcements for Students and Parents* will be sent on Friday, August 6.

